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First Named Applicant	35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.			

TITLE OF SCHEDULE SETTING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM
INVENTION

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
2 77792/23	701-202.000	L21	UTILITY	NO	\$1210.00	07/17/00

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/750,641

Examiner

Olga Hernandez

Applicant(s)

SATO ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 3/29/00.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 1. received.
 2. received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). _____.
 3. received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

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 - (b) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. 9.
 - (c) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (d) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 14.
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant discloses a schedule setting and processing system prepares a basic frame of a schedule including types of intermediate and final locations, and a transfer order that describes a chronological order of events in a basic frame based on said destination information and a desired arrival time information.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Hernandez whose telephone number is (703) 305-0918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William A. Cuchlinski can be

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reached on (703) 308-3873. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3597 for regular communications and (703) 305-3597 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

Olga Hernandez
Examiner
Art Unit 3661



March 29, 2000

WILLIAM A. CUCHLINSKI, JR.
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
*	A 5,926,118	7/1999	Hayashida et al.	340	995	
*	B 6,009,403	12/1999	Sato	705	6	
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TITLE OF SCHLICHT CUTTING AND PROCESSING SYSTEM
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